British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society.

At a Meeting of the Committee, held at 27, New Broad Street, London, the 4th of January, 1870, the follow- Minute was unanimously adopted:—

"The attention of this Committee has been turned to a report, which has gained currency in several of the American newspapers, to the effect that Immigration on an extensive scale, from China to the Southern States, is in contemplation.

"Whilst this Committee disclaims all desire to interfere with Immigration when it is perfectly free, and conducted upon fair and just principles, it has great cause to view with alarm and distrust Immigration from less enlightened and less civilised nations into countries where slavery has recently had an existence.

"The past experience of Great Britain has painfully shown that it is almost impossible in such cases to prevent kidnapping, oppression, and fraud.

"This has been found especially the case where contracts, made with such persons in their own country, are legally binding in the country in which such contracts are to be fulfilled.

"In such cases it has frequently happened that Immigrants become marketable property—are openly bought and sold, and thus many of evils of slavery are re-introduced.

"There is also a danger that native labour may be depreciated and displaced, and a *caste* introduced into the country, by which labour itself may be degraded.

"This Committee, therefore, ventures very respectfully to suggest to the friends of freedom in the United States the necessity of great vigilance, in order that evils of such magnitude may be effectually prevented."

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